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Merger favoured

Madras, Sept. 24 (UNI) Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) President M. Karunanidhi has ruled out any electoral alliance between his party and Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.G. Ramachandran's All India Anna DMK, but said the two parties could merge into one.

Mr. Karunanidhi, who had an hour-long meeting with Mr. Ramachandran here at the instance of Union Steel Minister Biju Patnaik, told UNI in an exclusive interview that the two parties could only unite under "The banner of DMK" founded by former Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C N Annadurai.

Mr. Ramachandran and his supporters had broken away from the DMK in 1972 when Mr. Karunanidhi was Chief Minister.

Lifting slightly the veil of secrecy that surrounded Mr. Patnaik's daring bid to bring together the two arch rivals in Tamil Nadu politics and their subsequent surprise meeting, Mr. Karunanidhi said the Union Minister had proposed that the two parties should forge an alliance in order to deny the Congress (I) a foothold in the state and that they could move step by step towards merger.

No more censorship

New Delhi, Sept. 24 (UNI) "Censorship was a special remedy for a very severe acute disease. We don't think that particular disease will hit the country again. Nor do we want to give the same medicine," said Mrs. Indira Gandhi in her speech at the one-day All India Congress Committee meeting here Thursday.

She was sure the propaganda by Janata leaders in this respect would not cut any ice with the people.

Mrs. Gandhi said her recent views on press censorship was an instance of injustice done to her. When she was asked some days ago in Bombay about reimposition of Emergency and press censorship, she had reiterated her views. When somebody persisted with the question about press censorship, she had merely pointed out there was no country in the world where it was not done during times of war and some other emergency. But this statement was misinterpreted by former Information and Broadcasting Minister L K Advani to charge that she refused to assure that there would be no censorship in future.

Centre to act on Maruti report

New Delhi, Sept. 25 (UNI) - The Cabinet accepted the findings of the Gupta Commission on Maruti Affairs and decided to remit the recommendations to the State Governments, Central Ministries and the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) for initiating administrative and departmental action.

The Government has also accepted the recommendation that departmental action should only be taken against those public servants who exceeded or misused or abused their power or authority, for securing personal gains or securing advantages for other individuals or organisations. The decision is the same as followed in the case of the Shah Commission's Report.

The Cabinet also decided that the Gupta Commission report as well as the memorandum of action by the Government on it should be placed in Parliament when it meets next.

The Government also accepted the recommendations of the Committee of Joint Secretaries, who had been asked to examine the report.

Five former CMs indicted

New Delhi, Sept. 26 (UNI) - Five former Chief Ministers have attracted adverse comments from Justice Alak Chandra Gupta of the Supreme Court for committing irregularities in official procedures to help Sanjay Gandhi's Maruti concerns.

While Bansi Lal of Haryana, who later became Defence Minister, has been indicted for helping Mr. Gandhi in acquiring land at the cost of defence interests, Haridev Joshi of Rajasthan, S C Shukla of Madhya Pradesh and N D Tewari of Uttar Pradesh have been indicted for helping him with busbody building orders from the respective State Governments.

Mr. Joshi and Mr. Zail Singh of Punjab have drawn adverse remarks for pressurising the state agencies to buy Maruti road rollers. The deal with Punjab could not be completed due to change of Government.

Election in Pakistan

New Delhi (IBS) - Pakistan President, Gen. Zia-ul-Haq stated late last night, that the November 17 elections would be based on proportionate representation, despite the politician's opposition.

The chief opposition bloc in the country, the People's Party, has, however, refused to abide by the regulations laid down. In a long statement made by Segum Nusrat Bhutto, leader of the opposition and wife of the dead President, the martial laws laid down by the present government were "unconstitutional, illegal and thus irrelevant," and the party would not agree to the rule of compulsory registration with the Election Commission and the official auditing of party funds, as the law states ought to happen.

Since these terms were stressed officially, several parties have refused to comply with the rules, among which are the National Alliance, which until recenly supported Gen. Zia.

Marxists win Kerala civic elections

Trivandrum, Sept. 29 (UNI) - In a massive electoral victory, the Communist Party of India (Marxist) emerged as the largest party in the corporations, municipalities and panchayats in Kerala, humbling both the Congress led by Mrs Gandhi and the Communist Party of India in the elections to the local bodies held September 15 and 18.

While the CPI-M, together with its allies secured a majority in the three city corporations of Trivandrum, Cochin and Calicut, the party wrested the largest number of seats in municipalities and panchayats in all the districts, except Malappuram where the Muslim League emerged as the single largest party.

Air India to lose money?

New Delhi (IBS) - Air India, the monopoly organisation which made profits for four consecutive years, is likely to go into the red this time, says its managing director, B.S. Das.

Mr. Das blamed the abnormal rise in fuel costs for the losses that the airline might sustain. The fuel bill for AI has shot up to Rs. 466 million, and this will definitely wipe out any profits the organisation might make.

Mr. Das said that the airline had set a new record in profitability in 1978-79, by making a net profit of Rs 340.9 million against Rs. 284.8 million the year before.

Chand Ram Haryana leader

Chandigarh, Sept. 29 (UNI) - Just a day after he joined the Janata (Secular) Party, Chand Ram, Transport and Shipping Minister in the ousted Morarji Desai Cabinet, was unanimously elected leader of the Haryana Janata (S) Legislature Party.

Chand Ram's name was proposed September 20 by Devi Lal who voluntarily stepped down from the leadership. Devi Lal, former Chief Minister, was toppled by Bhajan Lal who spearheaded the revolt against him to become the Chief Minister.

Devi Lal will lead the party in the Assembly since Chand Ram is not a member of the House.

The Haryana Janata (S) Legislature Party will move a vote of no-confidence against the Bhajan Lal Ministry during the Assembly session beginning September 24, Devi Lal told newsmen.

While the Janata (S) is optimistic of overthrowing the Bhajan Lal Ministry and installing Chjand Ram as the Chief Minister, Janata President Chandra Shekhar told newsmen in Jaipur September 20 that the Bhajan Lal Ministry was "stable" and that the departure of Chand Ram was "inconsequential".

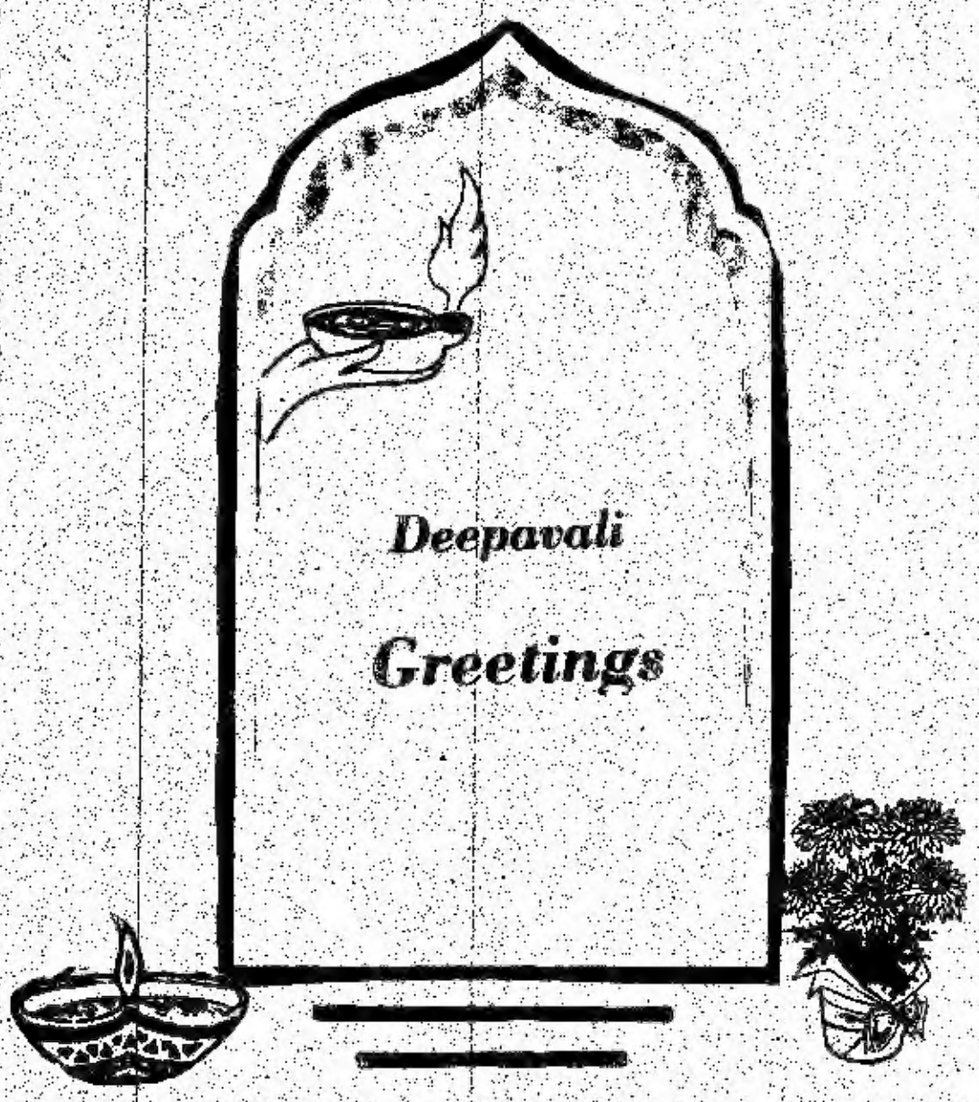
Meanwhile, Haryana Education Minister Swami Agnivesh has charged Charan Singh resorted to "political blackmail" to force Chand Ram to join the Janata (S). He told a press conference in New Delhi that he had "authentic" information that the Prime Minister had threatened to expose Chand Ram in the alleged involvement in the "graft charges" levelled by a business magnate.

No debarring of Indira

New Delhi, Sept. 24 (UNI) - Law Minister Sham Nath Kacker categorically sated that the caretaker Government would "refrain" from imposing a disqualification on former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

He, however, said Sanjay Gandhi and V C Shukla stand disqualified from contesting the poll unless their conviction in the "Kissa Kursee Ka" case is set aside by the Supreme Court.

Talking to newsmen, who met him in his office, Mr. Kacker said he agreed with the view that the Government, having appealed to the wisdom of the electorate, should trust the voters to give a verdict on the findings of the Maruti Commission which has indicted Mrs. Gandhi.



Will Indira recapture power?

By George Mathew

New Delhi: When Jawaharlal Nehru became weak and sick after a long innings of more than one and a half decade as the Prime Minister of the largest democracy in the world, the question asked was: After Nehru, Who? Within a decade of his daughter, Mrs. Indira Gandhi's rule which culminated in the emergency the question was: Who would remove her from power to save democracy? Now after two and a half years of Janata rule the question is: Will Mrs. Gandhi return to power again after the mid-term poll scheduled for December?

Some welcome her return to power because they say only she can bring about a stable government and discipline which are most important for India where democracy is still in its experimental stage. Some remember with nostalgia the horrors of the emergency era and say that her return with a vengeance would be the end of democracy in India.

In any case, after her setback in the 1977 elections, Mrs. Gandhi is back in the centre of the present political convulsion with her charisma, tact and bold statements. "Nobody on earth can stop me from fighting the elections," she said recently commenting on a reported move to debar her from the contest on the basis of the indictment by the Maruti inquiry commissions. Her son, Sanjay Gandhi, is also back on the political platforms with her along with the emergency caucus.

"I am the real issue," she said in 1971 elections and won. She and her emergency excesses were the real issue in the 1977 elections which she lost. Her return to power is once again the real issue in the forthcoming general elections later this year.

With three months to go for elections, the political climate in the country is in a flux. It is too early to predict a "wave" and it is impossible to say which way it would swing if there is one. Today is the same as yesterday and tomorrow cannot be different than today. Every day some join Mrs. Gandhi's Congress (I) as in their political wisdom only her charisma can lead them to victory. Some leave her party to join the Janata (S) and some others try to strengthen the Janata party.

The Janata (S) which runs the caretaker government now wants the Congress (S) to merge with it to fight the elections under a new name. Meanwhile, the Congress (S) has decided to keep its identity and jointly fight the elections with the Janata (S) under a common election manifesto. Devraj Urs, Chief Minister of Karnataka, (until recently a close associate of Mrs. Gandhi), who defected from Congress (I) to form a new regional party has joined the Congress (S) along with his supporters to become the President of the party. The Socialists are trying to form a leftist front to fight both Mrs. Gandhi and the Janata party. The regional parties would like to be left alone to fight their way keeping their option open to support anyone forming a stable government. The Congress (I) will fight it alone with some regional adjustments. Who will be where by the time the elections approach eludes all predictions.

The three contenders for the Prime ministership are: Jagjivan Ram of the Janata Party, Charan Singh of the Janata (S) and the Prime Minister of the caretaker government and Indira Gandhi of the Congress (I).

Jagjivan Ram is Janata's asset. As an able and proved administrator with more than 30 years of experience in the political past of the country, he commands a national stature. As the most eminent Harijan he has a large following. He has not so far let his election strategy known. He is a late starter but capable of detonating a bombshell at the right time with devastating effect on his enemies. The people are placing confidence in him to form a stable government. His assets in the party are the RSS-disciplined Jana Sangh which has of late made inroads even into the South.

Charan Singh is popular only in some of the Northern states. Not only that he is not known in the South, but he has not even visited some of the South Indian states. He cannot be identified as a national leader. He represents the Kulaks (rich farmers) who have of late been influencing the central leadership. His former Bharatiya Lok Dal has its root only in UP, Bihar and Haryana. His party, Janata (S) (which is seeking a new name) is in alliance with Congress (S) whose public image is fading out. However, Charan Singh has the support of a group of socialists and leftist parties including the CPI(M) which holds the fort in West Bengal. He has the advantage of running the caretaker government.

The national stature of Mrs. Indira Gandhi remain unquestioned. She is known in any nook and corner of the country. She can draw the crowd from all sections of the society regardless of caste or creed, religious minorities, harijans and scheduled castes. The Congress (I) is solely dependent on her charisma and there is hardly anyone else in her party who can be projected as a leader. Some old congress stalwarts have returned to her party and some industrial houses have come out to support her. Memory is too short, but will the people so soon forget her emergency excesses for which she has no regrets even today and wish her back is the question being seriously debated.

Apart from the leadership the present party position in the states would also greatly influence the forthcoming elections. The Janata (S) has the advantage of holding the control of the government machinery at the Centre. It has its base in P.P., Bihar and to an extent in Haryana. In Maharashtra and Karnataka it draws its strength from its ally, the Congress (S), through the leadership of Y.B. Chavan and Devraj Urs respectively. The CMP which is the ruling party in West Bengal will support the Janata (S). The CPM has also its influence in Kerala, Tripura and Assam, but not to a great extent.

In Tamil Nadu, although the AIDMK is a partner in the Central Cabinet, it is not certain whether the AIDMK will support the Janata (S). Indications are that it would enter into an electoral alliance with the Congress (I) deserting their present ally before the elections. The same is the case with the Akali Dal in Punjab which might shift to Janata if not Congress (I).

The Janata Party is in power in some key states like Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana and Bihar. Gujarat which will also have elections to the state assembly along with the general elections will go to Janata with the Congress (O) influence.

The Janata (S) President, Raj Narain, has already announced his plans to topple all Janata governments in the States. Some of them might go for state elections as well as a consequence. However, in Kerala, Tamil Nadu and some of the North-eastern states it would be the regional parties which would influence the elections.

The Congress (I) is in power only in Andhra Pradesh. It has considerable influence in Karnataka and Maharashtra and a sizable number in Kerala. It is seeking electoral alliance with AIDMK in Tamil Nadu; CPM in West Bengal and the North-eastern states, the National Conference in J&K. The party has less influence in urban areas.

With elections three months away, the situation is fluid and unpredictable. There is also talk about the possibility of large-scale violence and a postponement of the elections on that account.

Cardomom cures rheumatism

Cochin, (UNI) - Chronic rheumatism can be cured by placing a pillow filled with cardamon husk beneath the affected part of the body continuously for about eight months.

S. Ramasubramaniam, Market Intelligence Officer of the Cardamom Board, has collected data to show that cardamom has medicinal properties and can cure rheumatism and other ailments.

According to Mr. Ramasubramaniam cardamom paste applied to the forehead can give relief from headache.

In Madhya Pradesh water, in which cardamom has been boiled, is traditionally given to mothers for 21 days after confinement. The "medicinal water" is believed to shrink the stomach muscles. It is also said to purify breast milk, which in turn prevents children from getting round worms.

Tourism slump

New Delhi (IBS) - Tourist traffic is selling over the globe and the international tourism industry is well in the pink, but in India there are worry-lines on official brows as the trend of a slump is seen.

In the seven months of the current year traffic rose only 5.7 per cent against a rise of 16.6 per cent in the corresponding period last year. Since 1980 is being proposed as 'Tourist Year' in India, the signs are considered all the more bleak.

The million-tourist mark seems very far off now, and in any case, authorities in the trade say the country does not have the facilities or infrastructure to handle that amount.

In the winter of 1978-79 more than 1,000 groups of tourists cancelled their visits to India for one reason or another. More groups are likely to cancel visits during the same period this year.

The reasons are obvious, but the government is playing the ostrich and refusing to recognise them -- short-sighted liquor policy (prohibition), shortage of accommodation, rising travel costs within the country, cheating and confidence trickery by well-entrenched parasites on the industry, and the foreign exchange mix-up which has never left anyone clear in his mind as to what is really what. These are only the main reasons which are now beginning to deter tourists. But now there is this governmental instability, too.

RSS ambition

New Delhi (IBS) - While Balasaheb Deoras, RSS chief, denied the statement attributed to him that his organisation could form a government at the Centre in 10 years, leaders of several parties in turn criticized the fact that the RSS chief had allegedly made such a statement.

Mr. Deoras, in a hurriedly called press conference, claimed that the statement which was attributed to him, was in reality the "figment of someone's imagination." He suspected that the news had been planted by some interested factions.

The leaders of parties, including the CPI and CPM strongly criticized this statement by the RSS leader. C. Rajeshwara Rao, general secretary of the CPI said: "This proves that the RSS plan is to capture power under the Janata Party banner." He wanted to know whether the Janata Party President, Chandra Shekhar would tolerate this.

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Mouth cancer in Orissa

Cuttack, Sept. 27 (UNI) - As many as 72 out of every 100 people in rural Orissa suffer from some form of mouth cancer or the other due to excessive use of tobacco.

This has been revealed in a just published study conducted under a research project sponsored by the Indian Council of Medical Research. The study by a four-member team under the guidance of Dr M.S. Khandanga, had been started in March this year.

The team, which covered 5,600 males and females above 30 in 19 villages during the May-July preliminary survey in Cuttack district, found that the habit of betel-chewing which alleyed hunger, was widespread among the villages, 97 per cent of whom were farmers or daily labourers mostly living on a nutritionally poor diet.

The team envisages a survey of a total population of 50,000 over the age of 30 in Cuttack, Puri and Dhenkanal districts.

The team also found that besides betel-chewing, there were widespread habits among the villagers of using tobacco in other forms like "gudakhu" tobacco molasses "kalwater" colouring agent mixture and "khaini" raw tobacco and calcium oxide.

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MORVI RELIEF FUND

In August this year the dam on Machhu River in Gujarat burst on account of heavy rainfall in a short time. As a result the city of Morvi located near the dam and the surrounding area was flooded. This was reported to be the world's worst dam disaster. The loss of life is feared to exceed 25,000 and the damage to property was more than $100. million.

It has been decided to collect funds for relief work in the area. A committee consisting of the following has been formed: Dr. Bhagwan Shah: coordinator (829-3130), Dr. Sumesh Bhargava, Dr. Harsha Dehejia, Rasik Khakhria, Mangal Khakhria and Dr. Vishnu Patel.

All are requested to send their donations in the name of ICCC, Morvi Relief Fund and mail to Treasurer, Darshan Kant, 531 Codds Rd., Ottawa, K1K 2G7 or give to any member of the committee. Indo Canadian Community Centre (ICCC) of Ottawa is a federally registered charitable organisation. Receipts for income tax purposes will be issued for donations of $15.00 or more. For your convenience you may use the form below.

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He added the girl had been "roaming the corridoers of the AIIMS for some days!". The RSS, he alleged, had done this to avenge my revelation that Mr. Vajpayee had turned approver during the 1942 quit-India movement."

The Indian people, and even most politicians, are clearly unhappy with this mud-slinging, much of it most people doubt. Even Raj Narain is entertaining doubts about public credibility in himself -- he may not be standing for election from Rae Bareli, where he dramatically defeated Mrs.Gandhi, for he is aware that the constituency will not vote for him again. He has not yet named his new constituency.

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President of the Bengal Chamber of Commerce, S.R. Mehta claimed that increased protectionism was coming in the way of good trade prospects between the two countries. Mr. Mehta said that for US to help India's technological advancement, they would have to be given the scope and the permission to set up their foundries and factories in this country, which would mean side-stepping a lot of government red tape.

B.H. Singhania, chief of the Indian Chamber of Commerce, stated that one way for greater Indo-US co-operation, would be for the two countries to increase their trade investment. He cited examples of how foreign private investment had helped even communist China with developed countries in the trade market internationally. He urged India to adopt a similar course of action and production would soar automatically.

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The Indo-Hungarian joint business council, which was set up last year, has been nominated to deal with the matter. Hungary, in fact, was the first East European country that India has begun trade pacts with. Bulgaria, the GDE and Poland will be approached shortly.

Mr. Singhania said that both sides had a positive attitude and keen desire to make the ventures profitable. He stressed the fact that cheap labour and technical know-how in India could only help the ventures progress swiftly.

It is planned to phase out consumer goods from Hungary to India, with the finished produce being returned to Hungary through export. Third markets could be found in west Asia where India already had construction contracts for some 2,000 million dollars.

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FIVE MEMBER MINISTRY SWORN IN AT ITANAGAR

Itanagar, (UNI) - A five-member ministry, headed by Tomo Riba of the United People's Party of Arunachal (UPPA), was sworn in here on September 18.

Lt. Governor R N Haldipur administered the oath of office and secrecy to Mr. Riba and the four other members of the cabinet in the solemn and simple ceremony at the Raj Nivas lawns here.

The four ministers sworn in were former Speaker Paddi Yubbe, Agriculture Minister in the outgoing Thungon ministry, Soben Tayang, Nouasang Baham and Anna Wangdu.

Maharashtra liberalises prohibition

Bombay, (UNI) - Prohibition will be relaxed in Maharashtra with immediate effect, Chief Minister Sharad Pawar told newsmen here.

The step was being taken in view of the serious threat posed to public health by illicit brewing, he said.

The state Government had made prohibition more stringent only July last on the advice of the Central Government and introduced two dry days a week. A permit system even for beer drinkers was introduced.

Mr. Pawar said the number of weekly dry days would now be reduced from two to one but the permit system would continue.

Sehgal remarries

New Delhi, (UNI) - Eminent writer, Mrs. Nayantara Sehgal married E. N Mangat Rai, a retired civil servant, September 18, reports the morning ECHO, an English language daily here.

This is the second marriage for both of them. Mrs. Sehgal has three children from her first marriage.

Mrs. Sehgal is author of several books, including "A Time to Be Happy", "Prison and Chocolate Cake", "Storm in Chandigarh" and "Situation in New Delhi". She has also written a critical book on her cousin Mrs. Gandhi titled "Mrs. Gandhi's Emergence and Style".

Mrs. Sehgal is the second daughter of Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Pandit and niece of Jawaharlal Nehru.

Mangat Raj is former Chief Secretary of Punjab. He retired as Secretary in the Ministry of Petroleum.

Murderers hanged

Pune, Maharashtra (UNI) - The four persons convicted in the sensational Manwat multiple murder case were hanged at the Central Jail at Yerawada here.

The convicts, Sopan Rambhau Thote, Dagdu Bhagoji Pradhi, Devya Bajirai Pradhi and Sukalya Chintaman Pradhi, offered "Ram Ram" to the prison personnel and were calm as they were taken to the gallows, according to prison sources.

The four were found guilty of murdering 11 girls and a young woman at Manwat, in Parabhani district of Maharasthra, between 1972 and 1974 to offer their blood to a deity.

Sopan Thote and Dagdu were executed at 5 am while Devya Bajirai and Sukhya were hanged an hour later. They were cremated at the jail crematorium where a number of their relatives were present, according to Superintendent N P Joshi.

Among those who met the convicts during the last two days were Uttam Barhate, a former Municipal President and his mistress Rukmini, who had been acquitted in the same case by the Bombay High Court.

The prosecution had submitted that the murders were committed at the behest of Barhate and Rukmini, who wanted to offer the victims' blood to the diety "Munjoba" to beget a child and acquire hidden treasure.

Writ challenges reservation of seats

New Delhi, Sept. 26 (UNI) - The Supreme Court admitted a petition challenging the reservation by the Maharshi Daynand University, Rohtak (Haryana) of 25 seats for children educated in rural areas for admission to the MBBS course for 1979-80.

Justice S. Murtaza Fazal Ali and Justice A P Sen also ordered that the two petitioners - Miss Meenu Grover and Miss Savita Grover - be given provisional admission to the course pending the outcome of the writ petition filed under Article 32 of the Constitution.

The Court also issued notice to sue the respondent students in their representative capacity under order one Rule 8 of the Civil Procedure Code.

According to the merit list published by the University on July 8, 1979, 115 seats at the university were divided as follows: 58 for open merit, 23 to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, two to Backward Classes, four to children of deceased/disabled/discharged military personnel, and 25 for children educated in rural areas (20 boys and five girls).

Many Pak politicians in jail

New Delhi (IBS) - The Pakistani police have gone into forceful action against several workers of the Pakistan People's Party, led by the late Z.A. Bhutto, for allegedly plotting acts of sabotage.

Large-scale arrests have been made in Peshwar, but the exact number is not yet known. This was a follow-up to a raid made two weeks ago in which six PPP workers were swept behind bars.

Police claim to have recovered stocks of dynamite, hand-grenades, arms and ammunition in the operations.

The PPP is now being led by the daughter of Mr. Bhutto, Benazir, who has more than once publicly denounced the current military regime under Gen. Zia-ul-Haq. She was once arrested for allegedly "inciting the people."

Meanwhile, Gen. Zia has reiterated his assurance that general elections would be held on schedule, November 17, but under military discipline to see that no foreign money or interference is allowed to affect the result.

Pakistan watchers feel that, whatever the result, Gen. Zia will scrap it with a claim that "irregularities" had been found, and military rule would continue indefinitely. None quite believes that he would step down and become an ex-power after having hanged Bhutto.

Company donations order goes

New Delhi (IBS) - Business and industrial houses have been reminded by the Law Ministry that the ban on donations to political parties, including contributions in the guise of advertisements for souvenirs published by them, is very much in force.

The circular of March 1977, enabling companies to contribute in the form of advertisements to political parties, stands cancelled.

The circular had been issued during Mrs. Gandhi's 'regime', when she opined that giving of advertisements to souvenirs of political parties could not be deemed to be within the meaning of Section 293-A of the Companies Act - a section totally banning company contributions to political parties or for political purposes.

But loop holes persist in the law, experts point out. For instance, when the Desai government raised the ceiling of company donations from Rs 25,000 to Rs 50,000 for charitable purposes, the law remained silent on whether this amount must be given to charitable purposes approved by the Incometax Department.

The amount, experts claim, can be spent on political activities but entered in records as having been consumed on drought or flood relief work, or similar charitable activities. There can be no real check.

Seeds of authoritarianism

New Delhi (IBS) - West Bengal Finance Minister Ashok Mitra has claimed that the seeds of dictatorial tendencies and authoritarianism may be seen in the vast financial and economic powers usurped by New Delhi. States which showed some independence, he said, were starved out.

He cited Mrs. Gandhi's regime when funds were granted to only those States whose leaders toed her line. All powers are held by the Centre.

Owing to this economic power-grab, India has the lowest growth rate of all Asian, African and Latin American states - barely one per cent - he pointed out.

Priorities cannot be determined "by distant Delhi" he explained. Economic powers should be totally centralised.

Ram's warning

New Delhi (IBS) - Was Jagjiwan Ram taking a dig at Communist countries, including the USSR, when he warned foreign powers against interference in the mid-term poll.

Reports received show that some of these nations have already pledged support to the Janata-S alliance, forged with other communist parties in the country.

Mr. Ram, it is learnt, heard of these reports during the era of Morarji Desai, at the time the Charan Singh bloc were fighting tooth and nail to oust the urine drinking megalomaniac as Prime Minister.

Mr. Desai had, however, scotched the rumours. It, however, does seem to have some basis, for in 1977, Mrs. Indira Gandhi had also claimed the hand of foreign powers in her own defeat at the polls.

Undertrial shot

Kanpur, Sept. 29 (UNI) - An undertrial, Nur Alam, admitted to a local hospital for Jaundice was shot dead in his hospital ward.

According to city police chief B P Gupta, Nur Alam who was being tried for murder was admitted to the hospital on September 9. Three persons entered his ward from the bathroom entrance and peppered him with bullets. Nur Alam was removed to the emergency ward where he was declared dead.

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TAX EVASION

As reported elsewhere, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Revenue Hon. Walter Baker in his inaugural address of Canadian Business and Professional Forum in Ottawa recently, asked the assistance of the immigrants to help the Government in solving some of the tax evasion issues. Indeed it was a shrewd and laudable decision by Mr. Baker to present his dilemma to the Forum and incite a response. The speech shows Mr. Baker's sincerity of purpose and eagerness to be sensitive to the electorate.

Basically there are two issues involved in this question. One of them is the alleged abuse of the system by a number of immigrants and the difficulty in preventing the abuse. The recent crackdowns by the Department of National Revenue, we hope have helped to check the abuse of the system. The Government should investigate how such abuses can be further reduced with appropriate punishments wherever justified. If the Government has any new proposals in this area, the community should be prepared to consider them. The second issue involved is whether relatives of immigrants in various countries are to be allowed different amounts of deduction for dependent support. Clearly this is an issue which involves discriminatory treatment of taxpayers (based on country of origin and hence in violation of the Human Rights Act) and therefore cannot be tolerated. The principle of discriminatory treatment if allowed in one Department can spread to other departments as well.

Since Hon. Walter Baker has taken the initiative to ask our advice and assistance, as taxpayers and citizens of this country, we have an obligation to respond. The response has to be sensible, practical and intelligent. The ball is now in our court. It is hoped that the National Association of Canadians of Origins in India and other organizations will come forward with an adequate and appropriate response.

Rain gods strike

New Delhi (IBS) - Tight bowling by Venkatraghavan, Test debutant Dilip Doshi, an ebullient left-arm spinner, coupled with full exploitation of a slightly turning track at Chepauk gave the first Test match between India and Australia a late new lease of life after slow scoring by both teams in their first innings over the first three and a half-days had put the legend "draw" up on the wall earlier.

Bad light, and rain, which had interrupted play on the fourth day, ultimately dictated terms. The draw did materialise, but it did not detract from the fact that four personalities stood out in the match - Dilip Doshi, whose first innings figures of 6/103 helped him not only make his debute and join the ranks of bowlers who have taken five or more wickets in an innings, but also helped him share the best bowlers' award with Aussie leg-spinner Higgs who had collected seven Indian wkts for 143 runs, Alan Border, swashbuckling one down bat with just six Tests behind him, who slashed his way to 162 and 50 in the match, bolstering both innings for his team, and India's Kapil Dev with a lusty 83 in India's first innings, helping them reach 425 runs. Both Kapil Dev and Border shared the best batsman's award.

India, who went into the match, a whipped team from the World Cup, but with some morale, thanks to their good knock against England in the last Test, expected a walk-over against the young and inexperienced Australians. Good batting by skipper Hughes and Border, however, dispelled illusions that Chepauk would give India its first blood against the visitors. If anything it showed that both teams would have a fight on their hands through the remainder of the series, unless, of course rain plays the decider once again.

Atkey releases report

Ottawa, September 20: Ron Atkey, Minister of Employment and Immigration, today released the report of the study group which he appointed on June 29, 1979, to review existing mechanisms by which members of the travelling public can formally register complaints of alleged discourtesy, bias or harassment by immigration officers at the Toronto International Airport.

"I want to make the study group's report available to the public immediately", Mr. Atkey said. "I will review it with my officials in order to decide on what action I will take". The Minister added that he agreed in principle with the recommendations of the report, but wanted to reserve any detailed commentary until he has had an opportunity to study the full contents of the report. Finally he stated that, "I want to express my appreciation to the three members of the study group, Janet Zukowsky, Roy Page and Arthur Downes for their excellent work in researching and producing a very worthwhile report. It represents a timely and constructive contribution towards resolving some of the currently strained relations in the Toronto region," he said.

On June 29, 1979, in a statement to Toronto immigration staff, the Honourable Ron Atkey, Minister of Employment and Immigration, announced his intention to establish a study group on immigration complaint mechanisms. The terms of reference for the group, as issued on that date, were as follows:

1. The Study Group will be composed of Ms. J. Zukowsky, Canada Employment and Immigration Commission (Chairman); an officer of the Canada Employment and Immigration Union designated by the President of the Union; and His Worship C. Arthur Downes, Justice of the Peace, Toronto.

2. The Study Group will review existing mechanisms by which members of the travelling public or persons acting on behalf of such individuals can formally register complaints of alleged discourtesy, bias or harassment. Initially, the Study Group will examine such mechanisms at Toronto International Airport. If deemed necessary by the Group and approved by the Minister, other ports of entry may also be examined. If such mechanisms are found to be inadequate or inappropriate, this Study Group will recommend new or alternative mechanisms with a view to better serving the needs of the travelling public.

3. In carrying out its work, the Study Group will have access to all officers and staff of the Canada Employment and Immigration Commission in the Ontario Region and at National Headquarters. Subject only to security regulations, the Study Group will have access to all files, records,

4. The Study Group will be free to interview members of the public, staff, the unions representing the staff and interested organizations.

5. The Study Group will report its findings and recommendations to the Minister of Employment and Immigration by September 1, 1979.

Subsequent to the release of the Minister's June 29, 1979 statement, the President of the Canada Employment and Immigration Union designated R.W. Page, National Vice-President-at-Large, as the Union's representative on the Study Group.

On July 20, 1979, the Minister approved the Study Group's proposal that, for comparison purposes, the ports of Windsor and Fort Erie and a Toronto Canada Immigration Centre be included in the study.

The Study Group identified six mechanisms by which members of the travelling public or persons acting on their behalf can register complaints of alleged discourtesy, bias or harassment:

1) oral, in-person complaints;
2) telephone complaints;
3) the "listening post";
4) formal (i.e. written) complaints of the C.E.I.C.;
5) complaints to the Canadian Human Rights Commission; and
6) complaints aired through the media.

These immigration complaint mechanisms were examined by the Study Group using a variety of methods, including: the review and analysis of statistics, procedures and files; the informal interviewing of, the hearing of formal representations by, and the receipt of briefs and letters from Canada Employment and Immigration Commission staff, representatives of other government agencies at all three levels, and members of the public and their representatives (community associations, immigration lawyers, consular representatives, etc.); and the review of a variety of books, periodicals, reports, newspaper articles, etc., which related to the Group's mandate.

Based on this examination, the Study Group formulated recommendations on revisions to existing complaint mechanisms, a new complaint mechanism and the recording and analysis of complaints.

The recommended revisions to existing immigration complaint mechanisms consist of minor administrative modifications to the "listening post" and the Commission's formal complaints procedure.

The new complaint mechanism recommended by the Study Group is an "on-site officer" concept to be introduced on a one-year pilot basis at Toronto International Airport. It is proposed that these officers be Commission's employees and report to the Ontario Region Director-General of Immigration. Their responsibilities would include:

1) the investigation of all complaints received from the public (this investigation to include the interviewing of the officers, supervisors and managers concerned, the complainants, their representatives, and any other witnesses to the incidents evoking the complaints);

2) the investigation of all C.E.I.C. staff complaints relating to alleged abuse by members of the public;

3) The resolution of oral, in-person and telephone complaints;

4) the collection of completed "listening post" questionnaires and the preparation of related replies;

5) the performance of the liaison function regarding complaints to the Canadian Human Rights Commission and the media;

6) the preparation of written reports and recommendations on all complaints;

7) the maintenance of complaints records and statistics; and

8) the provision of information and advice to members of the public and their representatives.

It is recommended that the effectiveness of the "on-site officer" concept be thoroughly reviewed at the end of the pilot period and that, if it proves successful, it be introduced on a permanent basis at those ports of entry at which it is warranted.

The Study Group's recommendations on the recording and analysis of complaints data seek to increase the effectiveness of complaints as an indicator in assessing the quality of immigration services delivered to the public and to ensure that the subjects of complaints are considered in the formulation of Commission policy and procedures.

In the course of the Study Group's review of immigration complaint mechanisms, a number of concerns emerged regarding issues not encompassed by its mandate. The Study Group members determined that the inclusion in their report of these actual and/or potential causes of dissatisfaction with immigration services would be in the best interests of the public, the Commission and the Commission staff. Because these potential/actual causes of dissatisfaction were not examined by the Study Group in depth, the related suggestions provided in the report should not be considered formal recommendations, but preliminary ideas subject to further investigation and analysis by the Commission. The concerns identified and the suggestions provided focus on the following areas:

1) operational policies, procedures and practices (the Immigration Act and Regulations, the primary inspection line, the secondary examination process, visa requirements, port stamps, bonds, etc.);
2) personnel policies, procedures and practices (selection of staff, staff training, staff utilization, interpreters, etc.);
3) accommodations (space allocation and physical facilities); and
4) public relations (media advertising, public information pamphlets, signage and community liaison).

Brahmachari's plan

Srinagar, Sept. 27 (UNI) - Swami Dhirendra Brahmachari plans to develop his Aparna Ashram at Mantalai, in Jammu and Kashmir, as one of the best yoga research centres.

Swami Dhirendra's Yoga Ashram in Delhi and the Yoga Teacher Training Centre in Katra, near Jammu, have already been taken over by the Government.

The Swami, who is on a brief visit here, told UNI that the Ashram, which has modern facilities, will be used to conduct research and train Indians and foreigners in Yoga.

The Swami proposes to collect Rs 25 Lakhs through private donations to import sophisticated instruments to study the changes that occur in the human system from yoga and the mechanism of the curative effect of Yoga.

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Based on this freedom, ethnic associations and forums such as yours play an important role in assisting immigrants to understand and accept the responsibilities that go with Canadian citizenship in terms of their interaction with our laws and institutions. It is through my involvement in that interaction -- as Minister of National Revenue -- that I would like to speak to you today. I welcome this opportunity to discuss one area of tax administration -- the deduction for dependent relatives living outside Canada -- that has concerned me deeply since I assumed the Taxation Portfolio and which I hope we will be able to solve together.

Let me begin by emphasizing that we have in Canada one of the finest tax systems in the world. A recent United States Conference Board Study found that ours is one of the lowest effective tax rates among the world's industrialized nations. In addition, the social security contributions required of Canadians proved to be the second lowest among the twelve countries studied. Sweden has the highest tax rate; so high in fact that several years ago, a well-known Swedish author found that she was paying tax at the rate of 102 per cent as a result of getting book royalties on top of a regular wage.

Our tax system does not exist simply for the purpose of raising enough revenues to pay the bills that any organized community undertakes on behalf of its citizens ... health, communication, transportation, defence. We live in a complex modern society where the tax system serves also to promote the social equity and economic well being of all citizens. Our tax system is used to deliver incentives for the development of our natural resources, and for housing and production... to encourage the entrepreneur and the investor... and to make a variety of special benefits available to individuals according to their particular need.

The self-assessment system is the most efficient and economical method to accommodate the various incentives, credits, deductions and exemptions required to achieve the social and economic objectives of our society. The system is economical from the tax collection point of view. Just stop for a moment and think of the bureaucracy that would be required to carry out the paperwork which now devolves upon the individual taxpayer. And the system is efficient from the taxpayer's point of view, because it ensures that the financial and domestic situation specific to each Canadian is taken into account.

Such a system cannot function without the voluntary compliance of citizens with the law. And this in turn depends on a high degree of trust between tax administration and taxpayer alike. To the extent that law abiding taxpayers feel that their fellow citizens are successfully defrauding the tax system, that system will suffer.

It becomes the responsibility of the tax collector to do everything possible to ensure that the law is being administered in a manner that is uniform, fair and impartial to every individual... to reassure each taxpayer that everyone else is also carrying a fair share of the tax burden.

The most effective departmental activity for encouraging compliance and maintaining taxpayer confidence is the tax audit -- the examination of a taxpayer's books and records to verify the information filed with the tax return. Audits are costly and time consuming and cannot be done on an annual or individual basis. Random audits are carried out on groups with common types of income such as tips or commissions, or groups in high-risk areas where verification may be more difficult, such as away-from-home expenses or fringe benefits.

If a random audit reveals evidence of abuse of the law, then an in-depth examination of the whole group of taxpayers may follow. This is what happened in the case of those taxpayers claiming a deduction for dependant relatives living outside Canada. An investigation into the affairs of several foreign exchange agents led to the further examination of the returns of individuals reflecting that particular claim.

The two-year investigation that followed revealed a widespread scheme of tax evasion involving the sale of false receipts and the use of these by taxpayers to support their claims for the non-resident deduction. Every possible variation of falsified claim was uncovered. False receipts, duplicated receipts used by several taxpayers to claim the same relative, false dates and amounts, claims for non-existent relatives or relatives who had been dead for many years. Some taxpayers filed with their returns receipt copies of bank drafts showing funds transferred to overseas dependants, when in act the drafts were not sent overseas but cashed in Canada by the original purchasers. In addition, some taxpayers sent money abroad claiming a tax deduction for support of a dependant relative but deposited the money overseas in accounts in their own names or used the money for vacation trips or for purchases.

To give you some idea of what is involved here in lost tax revenues, of 3,900 selected returns examined in one project alone, it is conservatively estimated that $1.9 million dollars will be recovered in reassessments, including civil penalties. Some of those who were reassessed chose to try to deceive the Department further by submitting additional false documentation. Prosecution action was taken against such individuals, resulting in fines of up to twice the amount of tax they were trying to evade. Several issuers of false receipts have been successfully prosecuted as well.

The results of the investigation and the wide publicity surrounding certain aspects of it have undoubtedly done some damage to the confidence of taxpayers in the Department's ability to apply the law fairly and impartially. Support claims for non-resident relatives have increased from 100,000 in 1970 to an estimated 800,000 at present, representing claims in the neighborhood of a quarter of a billion dollars. This translates into roughly 75 million tax dollars. There is a myth that governments have endless amounts of money, but the fact is that this bill is paid from the pockets of Canadian taxpayers as a whole ... taxpayers like you and me ... who, willingly or unwillingly, do our best to comply with the requirements of the law.

I feel a responsibility to all taxpayers in this matter. But I am most deeply distressed at the embarrassment and inconvenience that this whole issue has created for the many new Canadians on small incomes who make daily sacrifices to send money to their overseas relatives in all good faith. Many were quite innocently involved in this investigation because a few unscrupulous people took advantage of their own ethnic groups to sell false currency exchange receipts. Many of the users of the receipts did not realize that what they were doing was a criminal act. Unfortunately, the Department had no choice but to disallow their claims, pending more substantial proof of support.

For those of you who may not be familiar with this particular exemption, let me give you a brief rundown on the provisions and procedures relating to the claim.

Few countries are as generous as Canada in extending this deduction to non-resident dependants. In many countries, no deduction is available even for dependent children; in some, the exemption does not extend beyond two children. The United States restricts it to those who are United States residents or citizens, or residents of neighboring countries such as Mexico or Canada. Australia permits no deduction for relatives living in other countries.

There are two major problem areas in the administration of this deduction. In the first place, even when taxpayers submit legitimate bank drafts or receipts with their claims, many questions remain unanswered. Does the dependant really exist? Was the money really sent? Was the money used for the purpose intended by the law? I am personally against the imposition of additional paperwork on taxpayers but in any case I cannot imagine the kind of paperwork that would answer these questions satisfactorily.

The second problem area involves another question, even more complex in its requirements. Is the relative who is being claimed really dependent on the Canadian taxpayer for support? The question of dependancy applies whether the relatives lives in Canada or elsewhere. And far from being discriminatory against relatives abroad, the application of the provision tends to favor them. For example, payments made to support relatives living in Canada do not qualify for the deduction if they are receiving Old Age Security benefits. But support payments made to relatives living in, say, Czechoslovakia, might qualify for the deduction, even though they were receiving benefits under that country's social security program.

To administer the law fairly, the Department must determine dependency on an individual basis, by examining many factors -- foreign exchange rates, the income of the person being claimed as a dependant and special needs due to illness, the social security programs and standard of living of the particular country. Difficulties are often encountered in making this determination. It would take some fairly complex legislation to get around these difficulties. Complex legislation in turn could mean additional paperwork for the taxpayer, more calculations and new monitoring programs for the Department.

In its administration of tax law, my Department must try to reflect the purpose or intent of a provision. When any provision is shown to be inequitable in practice, impossible or costly to enforce, steps must be taken to regulate it. Sometimes all that is required is a change in procedures or requirements. At times departmental policies must be reviewed and altered. Sometimes the only recourse is to rewrite the law itself, to simplify and tighten up the regulations so as to achieve the desired result.

My Departmental officials have under review the forms and instructions pertaining to the deduction. The section in the Tax Guide covering non-resident dependants has been re-written to clarify when a taxpayer is eligible to deduct such support. But if we are to continue to grant tax relief to Canadian taxpayers for money sent to support relatives outside Canada, it will be necessary to effect more far-reaching modifications to the existing rules and regulations.

Before we proceed any further with such modifications, I would like to lay before my officials, presentations from organizations such as yours, based on the "other" point of view. I invite you to give me the benefit of your opinion, individually or as a group, on what steps can be taken to make this provision more workable.

Experience has taught me that relations can always be improved by seeing the other point of view. One of my favorite stories concerns an executive who kept a little ball in his office that he would produce whenever the question of differences between people came up. Grasping the ball tightly in his hands he would ask, "What color is it?" The person would take a quick look and say, "Black". The executive would then shake his head, "No, the part I see is white". He would then turn the ball around - the other half of the ball was indeed white. "We could never agree on the color of this ball," he pointed out, "unless you knew my point of view, and unless I realized that you were looking at it from another point of view".

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to present my point of view. I look forward to receiving yours.

Mrs.Gandhi and the press

New Delhi (IBS) - In a meet-the-press session during her stay in Bombay, former Prime Minister and emergency perpetrator Mrs. Indira Gandhi refused to give any assurance against muzzling the press in future, should she ever again take up the reins of government.

She excused her attitude by claiming that all countries had some sort of control on the press, however partial or slight, so "how can I give a guarantee?"

But she did admit, as if to soften her co-assurance attitude, that some journalists had been unjustly punished during her period of emergency.

She ducked further questioning as to her freedom-of-press attitude by turning around and hitting at the Desai government which succeeded hers. She charged it with stuffing RSS men into the media with help of the then Broadcasting Minister L.K. Advani, himself an RSS and Jana Sangh man.

During her stay at Bombay she was met by some industrialists (as per an invitation reported in an earlier despatch). Most significant was the visit of Murli Deora, former Bombay mayor and an influential member of the industrial elite.

Meanwhile, her son Sanjay continues to instigate demonstrations, disrupt life and damage property.

He and his supporters -- all accused in the Maruti case - went berserk in the courtroom of Special Judge P.K. Aggarwal in Dehra Dun and wrecked it almost totally. They also laid hands on important court documents and destroyed them.

The hooligans hurled stones at the police, and in the ensuing lathi-charge, two of Sanjay Gandhi's supporters were injured. Sanjay Gandhi and 180 supporters, arrested, were later let out on personal bonds.

Sanjay Gandhi was being tried for supplying sub-standard Maruti road-rollers to the Oil and Natural Gas Commission during the emergency period.

Janata and Indira

Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh, Sept. 30 (UNI) - "They cannot fight against me politically. I can say that neither putting me in jail nor putting me out of the election scene can supress my ideas", Congress (I) President Indira Gandhi said here.

She told reporters that the Janata Party was trying to put her in jail because they were well aware they could not "fool the people" this time in elections. The release of the Maruti Commission report was an admission of "their inability" to face her politically, she added.

"No power on earth can stop me" from contesting the coming mid-term poll to the Lok Sabha, she said.

FILMS

BIN PHERE HUM TERE

Directed by Rajat Rakshit

Produced by N P Singh

Music by Usha Khanna

Three films directed by Rajat Rakshit have been released in the Capital during the last fifteen months which makes it five months for a film - not a bad average. Rajat Rakshit is a young man in a hurry - he wants to establish himself as a director of varied genres. His debut-making film, **Dumaad**, was a comedy a la Basu Chatterjee with whom he had the privilege of working for a number of years. The second **Meri Biwi Ki Shaadi** was a period-comedy based on a foreign source. **Bin Phere Hum Tere** is a melodrama, with an unusual family situation, though the title conveys the contrary impression.

Comic situations covered up the drawbacks in **Dumaad**. It was the same with **Meri Biwi Ki Shaadi**. But in a sentimental melo drama, gaps and jumps in the narrative become glaring and hit one's common sense hard. Rajat Raksh'i's screenplay fails to link many consecutive sequences though dialogue to find the missing link. (So B R Ishara has also become superstitious, the way he changes his initials after remaining in obscurity for a number of years. This change might bring him luck, as **Bin Phere Hum Tere** has been accepted by the Delhi audience, though in a middle some way.) The film's plot jabs one's nerves and stirs one's conscience - for this reason it is more than a success. The situation might seem far-fetched but there is some earthly reality the way it is tackled (though any other director could have drawn better results from a cast which includes veterans like Asha Parekh, Rajendra Kumar, Nadira, Kamal Kapoor, Jankidas, Jagdish Raj and others. Vinod Mehra, Sarika and Nazneen make themselves acceptable as young people but Rajat Rakshit could have drawn still finer performances from them. The film's directorial treatment and the narrative gaps point to only one thing: the film-makers were in a hurry to do away with it.

The plot is complex and replete with conundrums. A complex plot needs a well-knit and elaborate screenplay with surprises both for the audience and the **dramatis personae**. The screenplay writers - there are two of them, Rajat Rakshit the director and B K Rao the storywriter - have no surprize for the audience. Traditional bourgeois morality, social taboos, personal animosity, capitalistic ego, mother's instinct for self-sacrifice, class conflict, and middle-class mores are given full play to infuse the story with melodramatic nuances. One would be considered dead to human feeling if one does not go all out to sympathise with the "mother" whom fate decrees to become a wife and mother without the conjugal vows. That is why the title: **Bin phere hum tere** ("Yours Without Vows").

Asha Parekh, who has become more frail than she was as an oomph girl a few years ago, plays the young nautch girl, unwed bride and adopted mother with the same frail body and sharp features. Mere facial and hair make-up does not change one's age, one's physique also must undergo a change.

Rajendra Kumar who plays the consumptive father looks healthier and rosier the nearer he comes to death. Vinod Mehra's twin brothers are distinguished by one of them wearing specs. Sarika has a wonderful pair of blue eyes and of course hour-glass figure. Nazneen as the simple homely girl almost repeats her role of her debut-making film **Kora Kaghaz** in which she played Jaya Bhaduri's homely sister. Nadira has played the madam many a time.

Kamal Kapoor has played the sophisticated "villian" so many times that it has almost become a second nature with him. The kids - Masters Salim and Papu - are as precocious as screen kids are.

SHAAYAD ["PERHAPS"]

Directed by Madan Bavaria

About sixteen years ago, Sridhar (of the South) made a film **Dil Ek Mandir** with the aim to spotlight the agonies of a cancer patient who is being treated in the hospital by a medico who was his wife's young lover before her marriage.

The three main characters in **Shaayad** are faced with a similar situation, but with a difference. The emphasis is not on the romantic triangle, though it gets its due, but on the issue of whether a medico should perform euthanasia on his patient to relieve him of his pain and agony - in this case both physical and mental. The patient knows his wife's youthful involvement with the doc before her marriage, he also knows that he cannot get cured of the cancerous malignancy he suffers from, and he does not suspect his wife of infidelity. As the doc is unable to resolve the dilemma and is hesitant to perform euthanasia on his amiable patient going by his medical vow, the patient takes the extreme step. Self-performed euthanasia is voluntary death to get rid of the painful and incurable disease, but if it is performed by another person it is considered murder.

Dil Ek Mandir was serious in its time but its central point was the resolution of romantic tangle; **Shaayad** is also serious, rather more serious, but its central point is the ethics of medical profession - a patient's whole leg could be amputated to relieve him/her of the pain, and to save her from physical damage, a cancer patient cannot be put to death even on the excuse of mercy-killing.

Shaayad is neither original nor philosophical, though the film-maker's intentions were to make it that. It is also neither stylish nor experimental. It is merely dull, with many boring patches. The "philosophic" dialogue is overlong, and scenes sometimes longer than they are required, it also lacks rhythm - an essential requisite of a "problem" movie. The examples are diligent Polish director Zanussi's films which have dealt with the ethics and problems of medical and science professions. An attempt is made to create the hospital atmosphere but not successfully. The characters are delineated properly but their emotions are given melodramatic overtones, especially between the wife and her former boyfriend-cum-doc. The mental bewilderment of the three characters is not given full play through their actions and emotions - it is the rhetorical dialogue which comes to their rescue. But that in itself is no compensation for the visual vacuity.

Naseeruddin Shah's cancer patient is unflappable and quiet gentlemanliness. Nita Mehta is inconsistent as wife - brilliant and dull by turns, and stony-faced when she has to "throw" her dialogue at the audience while facing the camera. Vyjendra is the medico making the third angle to the triangle. He is midway between a sentimental lover and professional medico undecided which way to lean.

KANALATTAM [Malayalam]

Written, directed and produced by C. Radhakrishnan

A journalist - turned - film maker, C. Radhakrishnan has come up with a better film than his debut-making one as director - **Agni**. **Agni** had a believable story, realistic treatment and sharp characterization, especially of the butcher who is angered at his daughter's romantic association with a criminal (Madhu). It was the stuntman playing a major role of a butcher for the first time who carried the film on his sturdy shoulders, the actress playing his daughter was good but Madhu, the topmost Malayalam actor, was lacklustre and spiritless.

Kanalattam is on a different plane. It is a heroine-oriented film, which is a rare phenomenon in Indian cinema. In Hindi and other languages there have been many films with fallen angel as the central character who is forced into the oldest profession of the world, or who takes to it to avenge the society for the wrong done to her. In this case, it is the death of her lover who of course belongs to a lower caste than hers which becomes the cause of her downfall.

Kanalattam is not a masterpiece by any standards but it is not a film which would be dismissed as another potboiler, like many films about naurch girls or prostitutes are. Only if C Radhakrishnan had not gone in for a few cliches in the finale, he would have made a little masterpiece. **Agni** had, however, more visual clarity than **Kanalattam**, which is more dialogue-based. You can follow the nuances of the **Kanalattam** characters and the sharp cut-and-thrust among them only if you know the language well but **Agni** could be understood and enjoyed if you knew the brief plot-line. In this respect **Kanalattam** is less cinema than **Agni**.

After seeing **Kanalattam** one knows why the Malayalam film is flourishing. (Of all the languages in India, Malayalam films were the largest in number produced last year.). Socially-conscious film makers like Radhakrishnan are using cinema to reveal the pitfalls of humanity and duplicity of human nature. **Kanalattam** is difficult to fade from one's memory not only for its topicality, for its ironic and sarcastic comments and psychological analysis of society's private and public morals and different approaches of men and women to the fallen angel, but also for its enchanting performances by almost the entire cast. Almost every one is properly cast and it is the case of the artists chosen to fit the roles, not the roles to fit the artists.

Radhakrishnan goes hammer and tong to attack hypocrisy and double standards in public life. Even housewives are not immune from this. For its artistic honesty and human integrity, **Kanalattam** is unique in the Malayalam cinema, and for that matter in the Indian cinema.

Seema, who made such a controversial debut in **Her Nights**, comes up to the severe demands of the role - gentle and kind outside but tough and hard within, the hard-headed woman who knows her mind and is determined to get her due from the cruel society. In Seema, we have another Sharda in the making. If Malayalam cinema and Sharda were synonymous at one time, a time will come when Seema will achieve the same level of reputation. Her courage in playing the challenging part of an unashamed prostitute and the finesse shown in its delineation are laudable.

DARSHAK in Democratic World.

M.R.Radha dead

Madras, Sept. 28 (UNI) - M.R. Radha, veteran Tamil stage and screen actor, died of Jaundice at a private nursing home at Tiruchirapalli according to a report received here. He was 71.

He is survived by two wives, two sons and two daughters.

Radha was a close associate of the late E.V. Ramaswamy and the late C.N Annadurai.

Radha underwent seven years' imprisonment for attempted murder after he was found guilty of having shot at fellow-actor M.G. Ramachandran, now Tamil Nadu Chief Minister, in 1967.

Diminutive, rugged looking and gruff voiced, Radha dominated the Tamil stage and screen for four decades.

His plays, which had mostly atheistic, political and social themes, attracted even the orthodox because of their dramatic qualities. He drew tears, laughter and anger from his audiences by his brilliant acting. His masterpiece, "Rathakaneer" (Tears of Blood) had a run extending to more than 3,500 performances.

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Sanjeev is best actor

New Delhi, Sept. 26 (UNI) - The All India Critics Association (AICA) has given the best actor award for 1978 to Sanjeev Kumar. Rameshwari has bagged the best actress award.

Sanjeev Kumar has won the award for his role in the film "Pati, Patni Aur Wah", while Rameshwari gets it for "Dulhan Wahi Jo Piya Man Bhaye".

The best film director award goes to G. Arvindan, for the Malayalam film "Thamp".

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In addition to this, three special awards have been presented for outstanding work: Zeenat Aman ("Satyam Shivam Sundaram"), Lochit Phukun ("Kallol") and Sumitra Mukherjee ("Movna").

HELP THE REFUGEES

The joint committee of ten Indian organizations formed to look after the sponsoring of Vietnamese refugees in Ottawa area has made considerable progress in their task. It has been decided that the Indo-Canadian community will sponsor two families or eight individuals and care for them for a period of one year.

So far offers for clothing, furniture, jobs and accommodation have been received. In addition about $2,000. in cash has been collected. There is still a long way to go. The committee urges you to come forward and show your support for this worthwhile cause by donating money and services. Please use the convenient pledge form below to send your tax deductible donations. You will be issued a receipt.

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By Our Correspondent

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The family firm called, Maruti Technical Services (P) Ltd., set up by Mr. Gandhi siphoned off several lakhs of rupees from the main Maruti car firm for "providing technical know-how" to manufacture the car. The Commission has also pointed out various irregularities which indicated the presence of black money in the company's financial dealings.

Mr. Gandhi had indicated his qualifications as a mechanical engineer. But it was certified by the Rolls Royce of England, where he received training, that he was only a technician with minor qualifications. He became the managing director of the company on a monthly salary of Rs. 4000.00 plus perks worth Rs 1000.00. Mrs. Sonia Gandhi, wife of Rajeev Gandhi, (elder son of Mrs. Gandhi), was the Managing Director of the Consultancy firm on a monthly salary of Rs 2000.00 plus one per cent commission on the net profit of the company.

The report contains nine main chapters and a separate chapter on the conclusions reached by the Commission.

The Commission was appointed in May 1977 and the inquiry was held simultaneously with the Shah Commission which inquired into the emergency excesses.

In spite of the demand from the Janata Party for the release of the report the Charan Singh government was reluctant. The Janata Party President Chandrashekar released the first part of the report following which the report was officially released by the government. The findings of the report will form part of the election campaign of both the Janata and Janata (S) against the Congress (I).

Indians sweat to earn their bread

New Delhi (IBS) - Bus drivers in India work for two hours to earn enough to purchase one kilo of rice. Their counterparts in the Netherlands and Switzerland only put in 15 minutes at the wheel and collect the same amount of money.

Bus drivers in Botswana, Greece and Romania have to toil for 40 minutes at the same job to earn their money to buy 1 kg of rice. The International Labour Organisation has tabulated this disparity of wages between developed and third and fourth world nations.

The study covers six occupations: Coal miners, bakers, weavers, carpenters, truck drivers and bus drivers, in 34 developed and developing countries. While bakers in Canada and Belgium work for 10 minutes to earn enough to buy a kilo of bread, their counterparts in Syria and Botswana toil for two hours for the same money. A Burmese counterpart has to put in 13 hours of labour to be able to purchase a kilo of sugar. His counterpart in Canada can buy 10 kg of the stuff with just one hour's wages.

TIGHTER CREDIT CURBS TO HALT PRICE RISE

Bombay, Sept. 26 (UNI) - The Reserve Bank tightened its credit control measures by making credit costlier by three percentage points to 19 per cent barring certain categories of borrowers in a bid to halt the price rise, which is threatening to go up at an annual rate of 25 per cent.

Last month, the central banking authorities had advised the banks to ensure that credit expansion in the current year was not higher than the preceeding year.

Mrs.Gandhi to contest

New Delhi, Oct. 1: (UNI) - Congress (I) President Indira Gandhi would "surely" contest in the coming Lok Sabha elections, party General Secretary A R Antulay said here.

Asked to comment on a newspaper report that Mrs. Gandhi may not contest, Mr. Antulay told newsmen that Mrs. Gandhi had in the past also toured other constituencies than her own.

The newspaper report had said that Mrs. Gandhy might not contest as she would like to concentrate on other constituencies to boost the prospects of her party candidates.

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SRI LANKA BILL

New Delhi (IBS) - The government of Sri Lanka has proposed to bring into parliament an essential services bill which will prohibit strikes in certain specific services, and will provide for a penalty of five years in jail, a fine of Rs 5,000, and confiscation of property.

Fairweather to investigate Immigration

OTTAWA, September 19: Employment and Immigration Minister Ron Atkey announced today that agreement has been reached with Human Rights Commissioner Gordon Fairweather to develop procedures relevant to the investigation of complaints respecting the Employment and Immigration Commission.

"We have been meeting with a view to breaking down the barriers between us which existed under the previous government", said Mr. Atkey, "and to develop guidelines which will create a spirit of co-operation and harmony to ensure that the interests of both parties will be served."

The Minister added that the Human Rights Commission has agreed to draft regulations governing the conduct of investigations and to develop and issue guidelines, in consultation with his department, with respect to Immigration cases. These guidelines will seek to eliminate delays that might be caused by Human Rights investigations so as not to impair legitimate enforcement activities under the Immigration Act.

Mr. Atkey said that as part of the agreement, he will request the Attorney General to discontinue his action against the Human Rights Commission currently in the Federal Court of Canada. In addition, ten Jamaican women who had filed complaints with the Human Rights Commission will be allowed to return to Canada under Minister's Permits and be granted permanent resident status.

Child labour in Sivakasi

Sivakashi (Tamil Nadu), Sept. 27 (UNI) - Faced with an acute labour shortage, industrial units in this southern town, which prides itself as "Little Japan" are going in for children in lower age-groups to sustain their expanding activities.

Investigations by a UNI correspondent showed that some of the new recruits are hardly of Kindergarten age. A cynical observer remarked that what was going on was "cradle snatching of sorts".

The emergence of hundreds of tiny match-making units in the villages from where the labour force was traditionally drawn has compelled the older and more resourceful units to look farther away for their recruitments of child power. Some employees transport children to the workspots from as far as 40 km every morning.

Packed buses empty their cargo of half-asleep children outside the factories long before the carck of dawn. Some of them are dragged out of bed as early as 2.30 am. as the buses have to do more than one trip.

Inquiries showed that the factories engage agents to procure child labour. Often money is advanced to children rather their parents - and this keeps them bound to the employer.

When advance is sorted out, almost invariably a fresh one is sought - and readily given, according to informants. The employers, however, deny this vehemently and assert that the workers are free to move from one factory to another and, in fact, do so.

Excellent show by Balamurali

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His Ragaalapana in three Octaves and songs in Mohanam and Abheri and his own composition in Panthuvarali were excellent. His lullaby in Anandabairavi and humming at the end made the audience to visualize reality. The Thillana is to be remembered for years to come for the **INDRAJALAM** of controlling the **THALA**. The concert received standing ovation.

Mr. Upendran in Miruthangam was superb. After hearing his wonderful musical beats on the instrument, one may think that why not everyone learn to play Miruthangam like this lefthander since it is something different, pleasant and thrilling.

A. Ramasami played a magic violin. Sometimes it was like flute, sometimes like viola and at the time comprehensive.

Mrs. B. Abhayambika who was in charge of Sruthi and who also sang at the background added charm on the stage.

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Film industry to contest

New Delhi (IBS) - Hindi film producer G.P. Sippy has announced the formal launching of the film industry's political party to contest the forthcoming Lok Sabha Poll. In just six days the party has registered 10,000 members.

The party, termed "a national one", has for its symbol two hands clasped in friendship with the map of India in the background.

Even before the party office bearers could be elected, the election manifesto was released. Candidates for the poll have not yet been named, but Mr. Sippy explained that the party, though formed by film people, will not be confined only to the industry - all and sundry who hold to the same ideology can join.

Sharing the microscope with Mr. Sippy at the launching ceremony were Dev Anand, Atmaram, I.S. Johar, Ramanand Sagar, Bobva and Shreeram.

Dev Anand complained that national politics has degenerated to "a disgusting state", so much so that a new party with a dynamic and young leadership is urgently called for.

Johar carried a small bottle of kerosene with him to the ceremony. Why?

"Symbolic only," he explained. "Raj Narain used to apply perfume to senior leaders (Morarji Desai, for instance). I intend to apply this kerosene to him."

Earlier Johar had threatened to personally contest from any constituency that Raj Narain would stand. The constituency, he said, would then be called "Jokers' Constituency". Raj Narain is no less a joker, a clown, he explained.

Iranian exodus

New Delhi (IBS) - Not much unlike the Jews who moved out from Egypt enmasse in Biblical times, middle-class Iranians are quitting the land of their birth, in huge bodies, according to reports received here.

Six months after the Shah has been overthrown, the middle-class has lost its fire and enthusiasm for the revolution. More than 100,000 Iranians have left the country since then. Rising unemployment, inflation and a deep fear of unpredictable social developments is the root cause of the exodus. Newspaper reports claim that the experts in the form of doctors, engineers and technicians leaving the country was not going to brook any good for the nation's future.

Connected with this was the fact that middle-class leaving meant the country losing millions of rials, as the economy would definitely be hit. Another feature feared by the people was segregation of both sexes, especially at the school and college level where proposals are being discussed of abolishing co-education institutions. Many people in fact have begun to send their children to schools abroad.

A member of the Revolutionary Council, in fact, charged the government of trying to retain the dictatorial constitution of the Shah's government without the despot himself, and thus retarding the progress of the country.

LOW-KEY RESPONSE TO CHINA'S OFFER

New Delhi (IBS) - China's offer to trade manganese with India has met with lukewarm response here due to India having enough of the mineral in its own mines.

The Chinese, it is felt, wants to establish a market in the sub-continent. China reportedly has the largest reserves in the world.

At present, China exports dead burned manganese in various grades, which is suitable for metallurgy and making refractory brick available in grain size.

In 1970, China produced one lakh tonnes of manganese, while India produced 329,098 tonnes. In 1976-77, India had exported 109 tonnes of natural manganese carbonate and 297 tonnes of calcined mangasite valued at Rs. 5,380,000.

Pleas for Iran crude

New Delhi (IBS) - In dire straits for crude oil supplies to meet fast growing domestic needs, India is sending a high-level delegation to Iran to seek resumption of supplies suspended when the Shah's regime came down like a pack of cards before the Islamic revolution gale.

Iran, in the reign of the Shah, supplied India between five and six million tonnes a year. Even after the interruption an agreement was reached for the supply of 2.6 million tonnes between May-December this year.

But India wants to make sure of steady supplies over the years ahead, and is relying on what New Delhi terms "very friendly relations" between the two countries.

License to small units

New Delhi (IBS) - There is an increase of 71 per cent in licences issued to small scale industries between the years 1977-78 and 1978-79. In the former instance licences to the tune of Rs 1077.5 million, while in the second instance they were valued at Rs 1845.8 million.

The share of small scale units in the total value of licences issued over 1978-79, was 4.6 per cent. Of these licences issued for raw material imports stood at 36.48 per cent.

The value of licences issued to small-scale industrial units, however, varies from less than Rs. 5,000 to Rs. 10 million. Eighty per cent of the units have, however, got licences ranging from Rs. 40,000 to Rs. 500,000.

Some 6,384 units which received licences were already in business, while 2,488 were new and 145 proposed units. Value of licences issued to backward areas in 1978-79 showed a huge jump in comparison to the previous year. Licences issued to graduates of engineering organisations spurted in terms of numbers but not in value.

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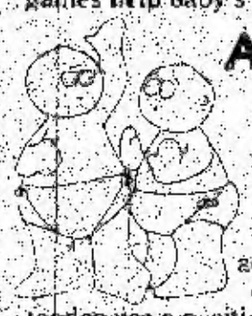
Some helpful do's, don'ts and things to remember when it's time to produce the potty. Toilet training need not be inconvenient, embarrassing, frustrating or disappointing. Here's an effective guide to build your confidence in coping with this complicated issue! Minimize the child's problems and maximize your confidence.

Playing and learning (toddlers and infants) ☐

Infants and toddlers love to explore. Play-and-learn games are key ingredients to a healthy, positive child-parent relationship: doing, touching, tasting, and dramatic play. Also, "nursery songs", "finger and toe games", "story telling" and "mayonnaise painting". Play-and-learn games help baby's general development!

Freedom to grow ☐

Psychologists believe that children should try to learn new skills naturally. Kids want to do things for themselves but can be discouraged when over-protected. We all want our children to grow up to be responsible, independent adults. This helpful folder can serve as an excellent guide along the way.



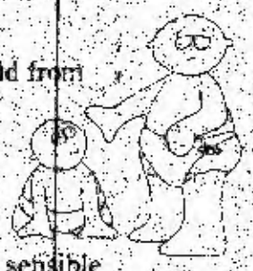
Aggression is natural ☐

Children go through the same feelings of frustration and anger as you do. And sometimes it's hard to get a handle on the hostility your child is experiencing. With a little self-control, love and the advice contained in this folder, you can make your child's aggressive tendencies a positive form of self-expression.

Discipline ☐

Discipline is confusing to many. Some feel it is wrong to be angry with a child. Discipline, however, is necessary to a healthy parent-child relationship. Ideally, discipline helps a child become self-confident and, more importantly, self-disciplined. Although there are no pat answers, this folder offers some reasonable suggestions, when your child becomes unreasonable.

Jealousy ☐



It's practically impossible to prevent your older child from growing suspicious when a strange new baby arrives in the home. Help your child overcome these feelings by knowing about them before they happen. "What to do when baby arrives?", "special treats", and "shared caring" are just a few of the sensible suggestions this pamphlet offers. Prepare your child before the second baby comes along.

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Teaching shops abound

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A boon to thousands who may otherwise have to go without university education, the "parallel colleges" constitute perhaps the most flourishing small scale industry in the state. "Parallel colleges" are privately run institutions coaching students for various university examinations, mostly in humanities and commerce, but also in science.

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With the demand for higher education rising sharply and the affiliated colleges unable to accommodate all aspirants, business-minded private college managements have entered this highly profitable field and set up "parallel colleges" of their own in various parts of the state.

The Nair Service Society, the Sree Narayana Trust and various Christian and Muslim groups which run schools and colleges are now running "parallel colleges".

Being unrecognised institutions, the "parallel colleges" receive no aid. Also, the Government has no control over them. Consequently the "parallel colleges" follow different yardsticks in the matter of the qualification of their teachers and the fees they levy.

Colleges in the Travancore region, where competition is stiff, charge about Rs 300 and those in the Malabar area Rs 350. The better managed institutions select their staff members with great care. Sometimes the teachers are tried out for several days and the students views are elicited before making a selection. At the other end of the spectrum are small institutions with unqualified staff. A non-matriculate heads a college at Kilimanoor in Trivandrum district. He teaches Malayalam up to the graduate level.

A few institutions enjoy such a high reputation that there is a scramble among students to get into them. One college in Ernakulam with highly qualified staff and specialising in commerce subjects hold interviews like a regular college and picks the best from among the applicants.

Teachers salaries vary widely from Rs 100 to Rs 14000 a month. Some colleges pay the teachers on an hourly basis, the payment ranging from Rs one to five.

With no extra-curricular activities and no library facilities, the "parallel colleges" meet only a part of the mental and physical needs of the student community and student unrest to common a feature of the affiliated colleges in Kerala, has lately started spreading to the "parallel colleges".

Statewide organisation of "parallel college" students have come up to demand for themselves facilities available for regular college students such as a concessional bus travel. They even called for a strike in support of their demands.

An educationist wondered if the day is not far off when the students will demand a "parallel university to which "parallel colleges" may be affiliated.

Food imports up

New Delhi (IBS) - A paper presented by the United Nations World Food Council meeting in Ottawa recently stated that the dependence of developing nations on food imported from other countries was growing and would touch the 77-million-mark by the end of this year.

The paper states that 17.9 million tonnes of food would be earmarked for the fourth world countries. At present, half the world's total food grain stocks outside China and the USSR, come from the USA and Canada.

IF PAKISTAN ATTACKS AFGHANISTAN?

New Delhi (IBS) - The Afghan Prime Minister, Hafizullah Amin, told the editor of 'Musawaat' in Kabul that should Pakistan attack, the Soviet Union would rally round and counter the aggression.

"We will be given any kind of assistance we ask for," (from the Russians), Mr. Amin said, aiming a warning at Pakistan President Gen. Zia-ul-Haq. He quoted the Soviet-Afghan treaty.

The weekly 'Musawaat' is published in London by the late Z.A. Bhutto's son, Mir Murtaza.

Canasian Forum inaugurated

Ottawa, September 26:

Honourable Walter Baker, Deputy Prime Minister inaugurated the Canasian Business and Professional Forum at a luncheon meeting today at the Holiday Inn. Mr. Baker in his address, reproduced elsewhere, presented the problem of tax evasion by immigrants and invited the Forum to provide an input in solving it.

President of the Forum, Dr. T. John Samuel, explained the purpose of the Forum. Dr. Harsha Dehejia introduced, and Mrs. Nirmala Chopra thanked the speaker. The meeting was attended by about 100 people.

India and Tanzania avoid double taxation

New Delhi (IBS) - Dar-es-Salam was the venue of a joint pact signed by the government of India and Tanzania to avoid double taxation on income.

Edwin Moti, Minister for Finance and Planning signed the pact on behalf of Tanzania, while A.S. Gonsalves, Indian High Commissioner signed the Indian connection.

Mr. Moti said that the agreement was necessary due to the growing volume of trade between the two countries.

Nepal plant

New Delhi (IBS) - A Rs. 600 million cement plant contract has been handed to Bridge and Roof. The Plant, which will be constructed in Nepal, was the result of talks between India and that country over the past few months.

The Asia development bank, will provide the finance for the 750-per-day plant. The same company has also received an order for the design and construction of the 200-metre long Tamur bridge in Nepal. The company has already begun work on the Karbala trunk sewer line and the 72-metre long Tama Kosi Bridge.

IOC back to normal

New Delhi (IBS) - With the unconditional return to duty by some 11,000 of 15,000 striking Indian Oil Corporation workers, the country's transport service, already in a nightmare due to shortage of diesel and kerosene oil, is limpingback to some semblance of normalcy.

Due to the strike, all domestic aircraft had practically been grounded, and the itenaries of international airlines had gone beserk, due to absence of refueling facilities in all major airports in the country.

With stocks at petrol stations running along the red line, there was a fear at one stage that transport systems all over the country would come to a halt, throwing hundreds of thousands of citizens into terrible predicaments, especially in cities like Delhi, where the bus, cab and three-wheeler service are the only means for the average worker to commute.

Journalist dies

New Delhi, Sept. 29 (UNI) - S. Krishnamurti, Chief Sub-Editor of the Statesman, died after a heart attack September 20. He was 55.

Mr. Krishnamurti, who hails from Trivandrum, had been in journalism for more than 30 years.

He is survived by his wife, two sons and a daughter.

Chand Ram joins Janata

Chandigarh, (UNI) - Chand Ram, Minister of State for Shipping and Transport in the Morarji Desai Cabinet, announced here September 19 that he had joined the Janata (Secular) which, with the support of the Congress party headed by Mrs. Indira Gandhi, toppled the Desai Government in July.

The announcement came amid reports that he was likely to be elected leader of the Haryana Janata (S) legislature Party.

Chand Ram, a Harijan leader of Haryana, resigned from the Janata Party September 18.

Talking to newsmen Mr. Ram said: "My joining the Janata (S) is like coming back home again."

Mr. Ram claimed that the fall of the Bhajan Lal government in Haryana was a matter of days. "The state Janata government will collapse like a house of cards and no power on earth can save it," he said.

Asked whether he would join the state politics, Mr. Ram said it all depended on the Janata (S) members.

He said he was not a candidate for Chief Ministership but he hastened to add that he would carry out whatever duties were assigned to him.

Projects abroad mooted

New Delhi (IBS) - Several private sector companies are to take the lead in setting up projects abroad.

Allocation has been made for civil construction projects as well.

A committee, headed by P.K. Kaul, additional secretary in the ministry of commerce is in charge of the delegation. Companies named for this work are: Hindustan Steel Construction Corporation Ltd., Engineering Projects India, ltd., Projects and Equipment Corporation (PEC); Hindustan Machine Tools Ltd; Civil Construction Projects; will have work including silos, water treatment and supply, sewerage and drainage and irrigation to deal with.

The National Building Construction Corporation, Lybia, International Airports Authority of India, Indian Road Construction Corporation, Bridge and Roof, Dredging Corporation of India, are companies also included in the list.

Wuzge team abroad

New Delhi (IBS) - Under growing and severe pressure from trade unions in the country, a team is going abroad to study working conditions and emoluments of employees of different categories so that a policy may be evolved applicable to Indian conditions.

The move has become all the more necessary since the Centre is initiating action on employee compensation through company law. A formula is quickly needed.

Employee compensation is becoming an embarrassing topic for many organisations, particularly in the light of repeated strikes in the public sector. The strike phenomenon repeats itself every three years, and yet another is due presently.

NATIONAL INCOME TUMBLES

New Delhi (IBS) - Over the past four years the growth rate in India's national income had been almost 5 per cent, but now the steady trend seems to be reversing and a distinct fall is being foreseen by economists even in the government.

The set-back for 1979-80 is being blamed on three major factors - drought owings to the failure of the monsoon, power cuts and coal shortage. This indicates that the usual phenomenon of a fall in one of the two main sectors of the economy being offset by a rise in the other will not occur this time.

Poetry reading held

OTTAWA: A poetry reading by Canadian poets of Indian origin was arranged at Mr. Rasha's residence in Ottawa on the evening of 15 September.

Darshan Gill from British Columbia, Gurdial Kanwal from Toronto, Stephen Gill from Cornwall and Roshan Sharma, Iftikhar Haider, Khalad Freed, Nirmala B.W. Singh, Surjeet Virdi from Ottawa participated in the poetry reading.

The chief guest of the evening was Darshan Gill and Stephen Gill, an author and book publisher, presided.

One objective of the evening was to celebrate completion of Rasha's Punjabi Poetry into English by Surjeet Virdi.

The collection entitled MURMURS will be released shortly by Vesta Publications Limited.

The audience of around fifty people were generously entertained by liquor and appetizing Indian meals.

KIDWAI APPOINTED BIHAR GOVERNOR

New Delhi, Sept. 22 (UNI) - Former Union Public Service Commission Chairman A R Kidwai has been appointed Governor of Bihar in succession to Jagannath Kaushal, who resigned some months ago.

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The Sri Lanka situation

Why persecute the Tamils?

K. VAIKUNTHAVASSAN
Convener, Tamil
Co-Ordination Committee
London.

On July 14, 1979 a Mr. Kanagaratnam Visvajothy Ratnam Inbam and his brother-in-law, a Mr. Selvarajnam, were taken from their beds by Sri Lanka armed forces in Jaffna after effecting entry into their homes by force.

They were not seen alive after their arrest. Later, their bodies were discovered horribly mutilated - under a bridge.

There were definite signs of brutal torture before death. They had been skinned alive as portions of their bodies were skinless. Their private parts had been removed.

Their heads had been smashed by shots fired at point blank range. The methods used to achieve such horrible wounds must have been as bad as those adopted by the worst dictatorial regimes.

The father of Mr. Inbam, worried that his son and son-in-law had not returned home, made representations to the Jaffna MP, before the bodies had been seen.

That MP immediately contacted the armed forces headquarters in the area but was told that they had nothing to do with the arrest and torture of murder of the two young men.

The MP then contacted the authorities in Colombo and yet again, an armed forces spokesman gave out a flat denial.

Under the Bandaranaike governments, Tamil youth had been arrested and tortured. Now under the pro-Western government, Tamil youths are being tortured and murdered by custodians of the law!

We, Tamils of Sri Lanka, fought side by side with the present government for Independence, and although 30 years have passed, our people still remain second class citizens and are victims of countless atrocities committed by the present government.

In 1977 police began a disturbance in Jaffna which spread throughout the island and resulted in murder, rape and arson of Tamils.

The police and army were responsible for many of these crimes. The Red Cross, War on Want, Oxfam and other relief organisations were prevented from helping the 45,000 refugees among our people because Sri Lanka missions all over the world denied that the Tamils had suffered such disasters.

In 1958, we, Tamils had been brutally attacked and killed by the hundreds. After the 1977 disturbances, nearly 400 Tamils disappeared without trace. These 400 do not include the known dead.

The police and army have a stranglehold on the people of the Northern and Eastern provinces of the island.

Tamil youths are denied higher education and jobs. Many innocent youngsters are arrested from time to time.

The Sri Lanka president must immediately order his armed forces to desist from attacking, harassing, arresting without cause, torturing and murdering Tamil youths.

Conference

Strong College, York University, Toronto, in cooperation with the Ontario Council on Multiculturalism, is sponsoring a symposium on

CULTURAL PLURALISM AND THE CANADIAN UNITY

on October 26 and 27, 1979.

Everyone is welcome.

Newspaper strike in Kerala?

Cochin, Sept. 27 (UNI) - Newspaper employees in Kerala have decided to start an indefinite strike to press their demand for interim relief of Rs 150 per month.

The State Working Committee of the Kerala Newspaper Employees Confederation, which met here Sunday decided to start the strike day after October 7.

STOLEN IDOLS RECOVERED

Madurai (Tamil Nadu), Sept. 24 (UNI) - Seven idols of various deities, valued at about rupees 10 lakhs, have been recovered by police from a jeep near Theni, 55 km from here.

A star without shine

Saraf Raj

There is nothing to write about Hema Malini's dance except it was painful to see a magnificent art being wasted on that day. Hema says she loves Bharathanatyam. If she really loves it she should pay respect to it and keep it away from the film world.

All I remember now about Hema's dance is "audience shouting calling names, a bunch of men standing around the stage with cameras, ridiculing orchestra and the musicians".

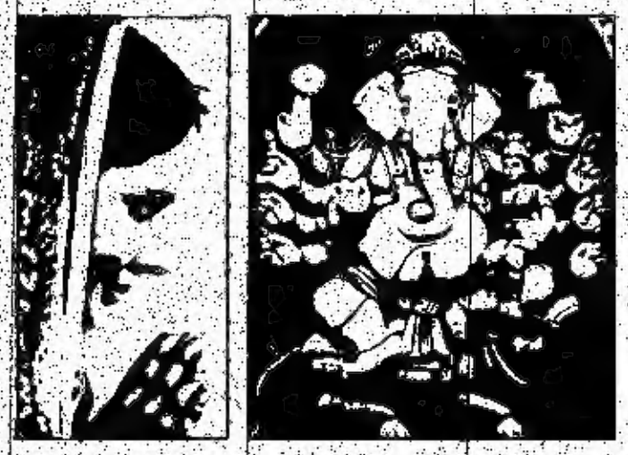
When Alarmel Valli came to Montreal not only was she respected but her whole group including all the members of the renowned orchestra was applauded. Why should it be different with Hema Malini?

There were big gaps in between items. This gave opportunity to scream, whistle and talk. Something happened in Vancouver when she visited last time. How could she forget? Don't we learn from our mistakes?

The two other dancers who accompanied Hema did not look happy.

INDIA FACES ACUTE DROUGHT CONDITION

New Delhi, Sept. 23 (UNI) - The current dry spell gripping almost every state has already proved to be one of the worst droughts in the last 25 years, both in its severity and magnitude, a senior Agriculture Ministry official said.



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2 cups sugar
3 large eggs
3 cups sifted all-purpose flour
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. cinnamon
1 tsp. vanilla
2 cups canned mango pulp
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MANGO MUFFINS NO. 2

Mix together:
½ cup melted butter
2 large eggs
1 cup canned mango pulp
1 cup milk

Sift together:
1½ cups cake flour
3 tsp. baking powder
¼ tsp. salt
¾ cup sugar
1 heaping tsp. cinnamon
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KITCHEN KORNER

By Pranati SenGupta

TIME FOR MUFFINS

Ideas for variety in school lunches or even for breakfasts tend to dwindle about this time of year. So I have developed an easy recipe for muffins that look pretty, are moist and tender and are just as enjoyable for breakfast as they are for school lunch dessert. They can be stored for one week in the refrigerator or frozen for 3 months. So you can make more than one batch while you have time, because they seem to disappear very fast. Serve warm or at room temperature.

MANGO MUFFINS NO. 1

½ cups salad oil
2 cups sugar
3 large eggs
3 cups sifted all-purpose flour
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. cinnamon
1 tsp. vanilla
2 cups canned mango pulp
½ cup raisins, (soaked in rum, drained well, if you wish)
½ cup chopped walnuts

Combine oil, sugar, eggs, beat well. Sift together flour, salt, soda and cinnamon. Add mango pulp to egg mixture. Then add vanilla and beat well. Fold in flour mixture with a wooden spoon (do not beat with beater) until all ingredients well mixed. Fold in raisins and nuts.

Spoon greased fulling cups 2/3 full, sprinkle little sugar on top of each muffin and bake 325F for 20 to 25 minutes, or until done. Makes 35 to 40 muffins.

MANGO MUFFINS NO. 2

Mix together:
½ cup melted butter
2 large eggs
1 cup canned mango pulp
½ cup milk

Sift together:
1½ cups cake flour
2 tsp. baking powder
½ tsp. salt
¾ cup sugar
1 heaping tsp. cinnamon
1 heaping tsp. nutmeg

½ cup raisins.

Add liquid mix to flour mixture; stir together. Stir in ½ cup raisins. Spoon mixture into muffin cups, sprinkle top of each muffin with a few grains of sugar and bake for about 40 minutes (350F oven) or until done. Makes about 2½ dozen muffins.

Power failure and burglery

New Delhi (IBS) - When the Delhi police arrested Dhan Bahadur and Lal Bahadur in an attempt to burgle a jewellery store the other day, they discovered with a shiver that only blind chance had prevented these same two men from earlier pulling off what would have been the capital's biggest and most daring burglary.

The arrested men confessed that in June this year they had broken into the American Express travel office here and went to work drilling into a vault which, it is now learnt, contained 100,000 dollars and travellers cheques.

It was while in the process of drilling that the power failed - a common and irritating daily feature in Delhi -- and the drill went dead. The burglars dropped their plans and fled.

The same team had, in August, been foiled while drilling into a vault of the Central Bank. The drill got jammed and the raid bid abandoned in a hurry.

But after that they pulled off a successful haul in Okhla, when they got away with Rs 40,000 worth of goods.

When they were caught burgling the jewellery store, it was purely chance – the police had at the time been on suspicion. The two were nabbed red-handed on the job.

More sports goods exportred

New Delhi (IBS) - Exports of Indian made sports equipment have a seventy per cent increase over the last two decades. Exports, valued at Rs 2.6 million during 1957-58, stand at Rs. 220 million.

The Federation of Indian Export Organisations, H.S. Sandhu, says that the reputation of Indian goods can be judged from the fact that hockey pucks manufactured in this country were used at the Olympic Games and the World Cup tournaments.

The major importer of Indian goods are Australia, USA, East Germany and other western European countries. Exports to Australia alone, rose by over 100 per cent last year. West Germany has almost doubled its import of hockey sticks.

CUSTOMS OFFICIALS RAID DHARMENDRA'S HOUSE

Bombay, Sept. 29 (UNI) - The city's customs officials raided the residence of a leading film star, Dharmendra and seized video tape recorders, cassette players, tape decks and amplifiers valued at Rs 114,000.

"STUN GUNS" FOR COMMANDOS

New Delhi, Sept. 26 (UNI) - "Stun Guns" will shortly be imported for anti-hijack commandos as part of the exercise to equip them with latest techniques and weapons.

Federation of Assns in New York

Federation of Indian Associations (FIA) New York, at its Board meeting held last month, elected the following as Chairpersons of the various sub-committees for the year 1979-80.

Civic & Community Affairs - **Arun Kantharia**
Medical Services - **Dr. Alexander Thurakan**
Business Affairs - **Ratan Hemrajani**
Socio-Economic Development - **Rohini Ramanathan**
Cultural Programs - **Satya Chowdhury**
Employment Services - **Jagat Motwani**
Funding - **I.P. Shah**
Publicity - **Dharmatma Saran**
Organizational Matters - **Guru Kelkar**
Inter-Community Relations - **Prakash Shah**
India Center Committee - **Ambassador Arthur Lall**

The function of the Civic and Community Affairs Committee is to deal with the day-to-day problems of the community as a whole by co-ordinating social services with the help of the member organizations. In view of this therefore, if any member of the Indian community from North America has any specific problems, he or she is requested to write to the Committee Chairman Arun Kantharia at 165 Franklin Street, #502, Bloomfield, N.J. 07003, Tel: 201-743-1779 or to the Federation at 535 West 111th Street # 42, New York, N.Y. 10025.

COPPER IN BHUTAN

New Delhi (IBS) - Huge copper deposits have been located at Nobji Chhu Tongsa in Bhutan, the Royal Bhutan Government sources claimed recently.

The deposit lay along the valley of Gangkhula in South-west Bhutan, after experimental drilling in April 1976 and systematic mapping of the area lead to surveys by experts.

GWALIOR'S MUSEUM OF GRANDEUR

Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh, Sept. 27 (UNI) - A golden three-legged-table made in order by Napoleon and a Persian carpet made at the behest of the grandfather of the deposed Shah of Iran and acquired by the former rulers of the erstwhile Gwalior state now adorn the Jiwaji Rao Scindia Museum controlled by a trust.

But what the kings possessed for pleasure remains beyond the reach of "commoners", even though put up for show.

Museum Curator B M. Namdev says the people of the city hold the museum in "awe". "Most of the visitors are from outside the city," he laments.

CWC WANTS ALLIANCE WITH JANATA [S]

New Delhi (IBS) - The Congress Working Committee has opted for an alliance with the Janata (S), headed by Charan Singh, to offset Mrs. Gandhi's proposed team-up with the Janata Party.

A 2,000 word resolution was finalised here giving sanctity to the new coalition. The alliance purports to fight corruption at all levels and will strive to provide a clean administration at all levels of government. "We will put forth a manifesto to eradicate poverty, destitution and unemployment", are the commitments made by the manifesto.

The Civic and Community Affairs Committee which was set up last year dealt with many community problems including a meeting with the State Minister for Finance in charge of Customs with whom customs problems faced by community members at various ports of entry in India were discussed at length. Complaints received here regarding missing parcels and articles mailed to India were also brought to the attention of the Director General of Posts and Telegraphs, Govt. of India, New Delhi.

The India Center Committee chaired by Ambassador Lall is a newly constituted committee to explore the possibility of establishing "India Center" in New York City. Suggestions in this regard are welcomed from the community members which may please be directed to the Federation at its above given address.

Janata offer to distinguished

New Delhi (IBS) - The Janata Party has called for eminent, intellectual and intelligent personalities in the country to stand for Lok Sabha elections, to restore some sort of sanity in the lunacy and chaos that is politics today.

Atal Behari Vajpayee, disclosed this at a meeting recently among those approached by the party were: A.N. Palkhivala, B.G. Verghese, V.M. Tarkunde, Raj Mohan Gandhi and Kuldip Nayar.

Mr. Vajpayee said that these persons would be offered Janata tickets to contest the election, but could also stand as independents if they chose to do so. Mr. Vajpayee also called upon the veteran politician D.P. Mishra to help campaign for the Janata Party.

MRTPC ORDER AGAINST FOOD COMPANY

New Delhi (IBS) - A cease and desist order has been issued by the Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Commission against Ramakrishna Food Products Private Ltd., Pune, from continuing or indulging in restrictive practices like imposing area restrictions on distributers.

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Suitable match for a handsome Hindu Punjabi boy in India, 26½, M.A., 5'-10", brother's family well-settled in Canada. Full particulars, recent photo (returnable) to M-1604, The Canadian India Times.

Suitable match for 24 year old Agarwal boy independent business in India. Brother consulting Engineer & Contractor in Vancouver. Girl's merits main consideration. M-1605, The Canadian India Times.

Handsome Jat Sikh, clean shaven 25, 5'-9" tall, kind, well liked person, holding good position invites matrimonial correspondence from beautiful, fair, intelligent women under 25, reply with recent photo and details - M-1607 The Canadian India Times.

Ramgarhia match wanted for my brother, 26, resident in England. Please send particulars with girl's returnable photograph to M-1610, The Canadian India Times.

Wanted a qualified established Bengali Kayastha groom in early 30's for a Bengali Kayastha girl (5'-2", good-looking, adaptable with teaching and secretarial qualification and experience). Presently visiting her brothers in Canada. If you are interested contact soon Mr. D.K. Datta, 4966 Lavoie St, Pierrefonds, H8Z 2G6, Quebec. (514)-684-8544.

Matrimonial correspondence invited by educated Muslim girl in mid-thirties from well settled Muslim gentlemen in their thirties or early forties. Please write in confidence to: P.O. Box 126, Belleville, Ontario K8N 4Z9.

Professionally qualified, Canada/U.S., Jat Sikh match for highly qualified Canadian citizen girl, 24 years, 5'-3". Full particulars with photo at first instance. M-1614, The Canadian India Times.

Lovely Kerala girl, aged only 20 years, Christian, Canadian citizen and University student, eager to enter into correspondence with a tall young man of Kerala origin and modern outlook. Parents are well settled in Canada. Please supply information about height and education in the first letter. Strict confidence is assured. Write to M-1615, The Canadian India Times.

Suitable match for a 29 year old Sikh (clean-shaven) boy. Machinist, height 6', M-1616, The Canadian India Times.

Matrimonial correspondence invited from a suitable established professional male in his early forties for a well established beautiful female (in Canada) Punjabi divorcee in her 38th birthday with teenagers. Reply with current photo, professional and family background in details to M-1617, The Canadian India Times.

Correspondence invited for a tall handsome Jat Sikh engineer working in a well reputed North American firm. M-1618, The Canadian India Times.

Suitable match wanted for a well settled, educated Canadian Hindu Punjabi bachelor, 40. Girl should be slim, fair, and well educated. Caste no bar. Early marriage. Reply with details and returnable photograph M-1574, The Canadian India Times.

Parents looking for suitable Kayasth bachelor, 29-36, for matrimonial alliance with their daughter holding high university position. Send details with photo to Post Box 849, Adelphi (MD) 20783 (USA).

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Immigrant citizen girl for Punjabi boy - 26. B.Com., preparing for I.C.W.A. Working as Cast Assistant in India. Write - Bangs, 433 Bhai Parmanand Colony, New Delhi 110009.

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Gang war in Bombay

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The two gangs battled it out on the streets with soda water bottles, swords and knives.

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Gold and silver prices soar

Bombay, (UNI) - Gold and silver prices shot up to all time high levels September 18 with the runaway rise in the prices of precious metals continuing unabated.

Standard mint gold touched Rs 1175 per 10 gms and silver Rs 916 rose to Rs 2,100 per kg with a fresh sharp rise of Rs 128 in a single day.

Silver prices have recorded a big rise of Rs 173 per kg in the last week because of sustained demand for the festival season and lack of offerings even at the earlier high price. Another factor is the continued smuggling of silver from the country.

There is a gap of Rs 1,000 per kg between rates of silver in India and abroad. Local floating supplies are limited and restricted supplies from the local mint also encourage this trend.

It was also believed that the sudden spurt in gold prices in London, where the gold prices had touched all time high levels of 350 dollars per ounce September 17, induced the buying spree in the yellow metal.

The arrivals of gold ornaments in the market was comparatively better due to prevailing higher attractive rates but the delay of the supply of standard gold by the local mint also helped to push up the gold prices, a leading bullion dealer said.

Meanwhile the supplies of contraband gold, according to informed circles, have come to a virtual standstill because of the small margin of profit between internal and international gold prices. A section of the market feels the general inflationary trend in the economy and bulk buying by the richer section of society even at this rate also contributed to the price rise.

Curfew relaxed

New Delhi, Sept. 27 (UNI) - The situation in the Jama Masjid area of the walled city remained peaceful Sunday with no untoward incident being reported, according to Police.

The curfew was relaxed for two hours to enable people to make purchases of essential items. Several shops in the area reopened.

The curfew was imposed in the area on the night of September 14.

Curfew will be relaxed for six a.m. Monday and might be reimposed after six p.m. if the situation warranted, police said.

Ottawa Muslim women's Auxiliary will hold a tea in honour of the International Year of the Child. The proceeds will go to the Canadian Save the Children's Fund.

Mayor Marion Dewer will be present.

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